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TAGS: OVIP, PFOR, ECON, JO, KS

SUBJ: ROKG TRAVEL

REF: SEOUL 8644 (NOTAL)

1. ROK ASSISTANT FOREIGN MINISTER FOR POL AFFAIRS  
CHUNG-TAI KIM CALLED ON DCM AND AMBASSADOR JANUARY  
10 AND 13.

2. MAJOR INTERESTS WERE IN POSSIBILITIES SETTLEMENT  
AND HOW THAT MIGHT EFFECT ROK EFFORTS TO IMPROVE RE-  
LATIONS IN ARAB WORLD, STATUS OF PLO AND QUESTION FOR-  
MATION OF GOVERNMENT IN EXILE, NORTH KOREAN INTERESTS  
AND JORDAN, AND JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT STABILITY AND  
FUTURE OF AREA.

3. KIM SAID HE TOLD JORDANIANS ROK PREPARING OPEN  
RESIDENT MISSION AND SOUGHT LOW-KEY ASSURANCES FROM  
HASSAN IBRAHIM, SECY. GENERAL FORN. MINISTRY THAT DPRK  
WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO SWING IN CLOSE  
BEHIND. IBRAHIM WAS NON-COMMITTAL, BUT SAID  
HE THOUGHT THAT ROK AT LEAST COULD COUNT ON A  
DECENT INTERVAL BEFORE DPRK ARRIVED ON SCENE HERE,  
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ASSUMING THAT DPRK WANTED TO DO THAT. EMBASSY TOLD

KIM THAT PROBABLY ONLY PM RIFAI AND KING ABLE TO PROVIDE REAL ASSURANCES AND ROK MIGHT THINK OF SENDING MINISTERIAL-LEVEL MISSION AT SOME POINT TO TALK AT THAT LEVEL IF THEY DESIRED FURTHER REASSURANCES. WE WOULD OF COURSE DO WHAT WE COULD TO BE HELPFUL.

4. KIM ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT ARAB (SAUDI) REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC STATEMENT SUPPORTING PALESTINE RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THIS YEAR'S UNGA. ROK DODGING SUCH SAUDI REQUEST FOR TIME BEING. KIM SAID WOULD STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH US IN SEUOL AS QUESTION EVOLVED. WE ASSURED ROK IT UNLIKELY TO GET SUCH A REQUEST FROM GOJ. WE LEFT WITH KIM THOUGHT THAT: (A) IT WOULD PROBABLY BE IN ROK INTEREST TO OPEN RESIDENT MISSION IN JORDAN--ROK CONTRA-CTOR WORKING HERE AND MORE CONTRACTS COULD BE DEVELOPED, GOJ UN VOTE WOULD BE MORE ASSURED (FYI WE STRUCK BY FACT THAT IN COMPARISON TO KHMER, GVN, JAPANESE, AND GRC, ROK HAS THUS FAR PRETTY MUCH NEGLECTED RELATIONS WITH JORDAN); (B) PROBABLY BETTER FOR ROK TO PRECEDE DPRK AND WORK TO STAVE OFF DPRK PRESENCE, THAN VICE VERSA; (C) JORDAN HAS BECOME SOMEWHAT MORE ACCEPTABLE IN ARAB WORLD SINCE RABAT AND THEREFORE ROK WOULD NOT INCUR SERIOUS DISPLEASURE OTHER ARABS BY EXPANDING HERE; (D) ROK STEPS IN HANDLING RELATIONS WITH TEL AVIV WOULD AFFECT THEIR POSITION HERE; AND (E) DPRK PROBABLY OPENED RELATIONS HERE AS RESULT SYRIAN PRESSURE AND WE DO NOT SEE EVENTS COMING NOW TO POINT WHERE GOJ READY TO MOVE TO PERMIT DPRK RESIDENT PRESENCE, BUT IT MIGHT WELL COME EVENTUALLY. PICKERING

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